

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 14, 21, 30 and 36 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus for forming an image on a recording medium [by discharging] comprising a plurality of ink discharge means and a plurality of ink discharge openings, wherein a plurality of inks is discharged from [a] the plurality of ink discharge openings by driving the ink discharge means, each ink having a penetrability, a dye density and a color;

E! said plural ink discharge [means] openings corresponding to a plurality of inks with different dye densities, wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors are different from each other and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

14. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording method for forming an image on a recording medium [by] comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of inks, each having a penetrability, a dye density and a color;

providing a recording medium;

providing a plurality of ink discharge openings and a plurality of ink discharge means;

discharging [a] onto the recording medium the plurality of inks from [a] the plurality of ink discharge openings by driving the ink discharge means[, each ink having a penetrability, a dye density and a color];

said [plural] plurality of ink discharge [means] openings corresponding to a plurality of inks with different dye densities, wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors are different from each other, and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density; and

forming an image on the recording medium.

21. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising a recording head equipped with a plurality of ink discharge means, [which discharge ink, and

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forming an image on a recording medium by discharging the ink through] and a plurality of discharge ports [of said recording head], wherein the plural discharge ports of said recording head are comprised of a plurality of discharge port trains corresponding to a plurality of inks, wherein the plurality of inks is discharged onto a recording medium to form an image, each of the plurality of inks having a penetrability, a color and a different dye density, wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors are different from each other and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

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30. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising a plurality of recording heads equipped with a plurality of ink discharge means[, which discharge ink through discharge ports, and form an image on a recording medium by discharging the ink through] and a plurality of discharge ports [of said recording heads], wherein said plural recording heads correspond to a plurality of inks, each ink having a penetrability, a color and a different dye density, wherein the plurality of inks is discharged onto a recording medium to form an image, and wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and

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[similar] same colors are different from each other and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

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36. (Twice Amended) A recorded article [formed by discharged inks adhering to a recording medium,] comprising a recording medium and a plurality of inks adhering thereto, each of said plurality of inks having a dye density, a color and a penetrability with respect to the recording medium, wherein, of said plurality of inks, [wherein] inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors [are inks having] have different penetrabilities from each other and ink having low dye density has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully sought.

Claims 1 through 62 are pending, with Claims 1, 14, 21, 30, 36, 37, 53 and 61 being independent.